

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Katsura Tree
Cercidiphyllum japonicum

The Katsura Tree has rounded leaves, to three inches long and across, with rounded teeth, turning yellow, pink, or purple in the fall. The bark is gray-brown, furrowed, and flaking. The flowers are small and without petals, males with numerous red stamens, females with four to six red styles. The fruit is a small, curved, green pod. This tree grows to 100 feet tall and is broadly spreading. The Katsura Tree is a native from the Himalayas to Japan, and is found in mountain forests.

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The trees may wish for quiet, but
the wind will not subside.

-Chinese proverb.



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There is a lot to announce this month, so I'll keep the introduction brief. If you have any questions on any of the topics listed in this issue, please contact the Urban Forestry Program at 1-800-523-8733 or e-mail urban_forestry@wadnr.gov. Keep watering those young trees this summer! If you have questions about how much water trees need or how to figure out how much water your trees are getting, give us a call. -Sarah

Yakima Community Forestry Field Day

The Yakima Area Arboretum and the Washington Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program are holding a Community Forestry Field Day on October 13.

This event is free to the public and will be held at the Yakima Area Arboretum. You are invited to come visit the Arboretum and learn how to properly plant and care for trees in your yard and your community. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., and the event will finish by 3 p.m. For more information or to register for the event, please call 1-800-523-TREE.

Grant Writing Workshops

The Urban and Community Forestry Program will be hosting four regional grant writing workshops. The first will be held October 9, in Spokane, the second on October 17, in Yakima. The third workshop will be October 23, in Mount Vernon, and the final workshop will be October 24, in Puyallup. These half-day workshops will cover topics such as deciding on a project to apply for, describing projects in a compelling manner, working out budgets, and administering money once the grant is awarded. For more details and to register, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE. Space is limited, register early.

Trees, People and the Law

The National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) is holding a seminar on Trees, People, and the Law in Beaverton, Oregon, on October 16, 2001. This comprehensive, full-day seminar featuring Victor Merullo, attorney and author of "Arboriculture and the Law", opens with an introduction to basic legal concepts, followed by an examination of the important issues regarding trees and the law. Topics will include: history of law, law of trees, negligence and nuisance trees, current legal trends, ordinances, utility issues, and more. Registration is \$125 per person and includes all seminar materials, a networking lunch and refreshment breaks. Register by phone at 1-888-448-7337, by mail or online at www.arboday.org. For more information contact National Arbor Day Conference Services at (402) 474-5655, or e-mail the NADF at conferences@arboday.org. Information and registration materials are also available by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Hazard Tree Evaluation Workshops

The PNW-ISA will be holding two Introduction to Hazard Tree Evaluation workshops this fall. The first will be October 10, at Edmonds Community College, north of Seattle, and the second workshop will be October 17, at the Oregon Garden in Silverton, Oregon. These workshops are intended for arborists, park managers, planners, landscape maintenance personnel and others interested in learning how to evaluate landscape trees for hazard potential. The cost of the all day workshop is \$75 which includes course materials and lunch. Group and student rates are available. To obtain a registration form, or for more information, contact the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263 or e-mail info@pnwisa.org.

Citrus Longhorned Beetle Found in Washington

Entomologists from the State Department of Agriculture are searching for evidence of the highly destructive citrus longhorned beetle, and they're asking for your help. The search for this beetle began immediately after the owner of a nursery in Tukwila brought what appeared to be an Asian longhorned beetle to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Seattle plant inspection office. Asian longhorned beetles have caused thousands of trees to be destroyed in Chicago and New York. The citrus longhorned beetle is a shiny black beetle, capable of flight, measuring 1 to 1 ½ inches long, with irregular white patches on its back, and long distinguishable antennae that are banded with black and white. (Photos are on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/oa/pestaler/achinfm.gif>). If you see one of these beetles, scoop it into a jar or other container and then call (800) 443-6684. This beetle is closely related to the Asian longhorned beetle and is just as destructive. Forests and landscapes could be severely damaged if the beetle is allowed to establish itself in this country. Despite its name, citrus longhorned beetles attack a wide range of living hardwood trees and a few conifers. They are fond of maple, alder and poplar trees. They kill trees gradually, by boring large holes throughout the heartwood of the tree during the insect's larval stage. It is the first time the citrus longhorned beetle has been found in Washington. To date, two adult Asian longhorned beetles have been found in Washington. One was found in 1997 on pallets at a business near Marysville. The other was discovered in 1998 at a utility in Bellingham. In each case, only one live beetle was found. Follow-up surveys found no additional beetles, so there is little chance that they could have established populations here. If you would like more information on the citrus longhorned beetle or the Asian longhorned beetle, visit www.aphis.usda.gov.

Utility Vegetation Management Conference

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (PNW-ISA) is presenting the 2001 Pacific Northwest Utility Vegetation Management Conference, November 6-7, in Vancouver, Washington. The theme is "Trees, Safety, and Reliability: How Efficient and Effective Vegetation Management Can Help You." For more information on this conference, and for registration materials, contact PNW-ISA at (503)874-8263 or call 1-800-523-TREE.

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TRIVIA: How many urban trees are there in Washington State?

(answer is upside down below)

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

Picks and Shovels

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Trade Show and Field Day

The fourth annual Washington Landscape Trade Show and Field Day will be at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup, Washington, on October 3. Over 100 booths will feature new and exciting products for landscape installation, maintenance and irrigation contractors, landscape architects and designers, grounds management professionals, municipalities, educators and individuals interested in the green industry. For details call the Washington Association of Landscape Professionals at 1-800-833-2186 or visit www.walp.org.

2001 Tree City USA Forum

The City of Olympia is hosting the 2001 Tree City USA Forum on Wednesday, September 12. All Tree City USA's are invited to participate as this is a great opportunity to meet other Tree City USA participants and learn about programs around Washington. For those of you that are not Tree Cities yet...the four criteria include: establish a tree board or commission, write and pass a tree ordinance, document a \$2 per capita expenditure on tree-related matters, and celebrate Arbor Day. For details call 1-800-523-TREE.

2002 Poster Contest Materials Available

Materials are available for the 2002 Arbor Day Poster Contest sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the Washington Arbor Day Council, and the Washington Department of Natural Resources. It is our hope that participation will raise awareness and encourage classrooms across Washington to celebrate Arbor Day. This years theme, "Trees are Terrific...inside and out!", was designed to increase knowledge about how trees grow and function. If you are a fifth grade teacher, or a parent of a fifth grader, and would like to receive the materials and poster contest guidelines, please call 1-800-523-TREE.

TREEORD Software for Tree Ordinance Development. The Tree Trust, a non-profit group in Minnesota, has developed TREEORD Software to help cities develop ordinances. TREEORD contains a database of over 1,800 clauses from more than 200 ordinances from throughout the United States. The software is designed to be easy to use, but covers many of the difficult issues related to setting up a Tree Board, planning and zoning conflicts, inventorying trees, responsibilities for tree maintenance, and more. The U&CF Program has one copy if you would like to preview it. Copies may be purchased from the Tree Trust for \$60. More information is available at www.treetrust.org. For order forms, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Fire-Resistant Plants for Oregon Home Landscapes. The Oregon State University Extension Service has published this four page guide on making home landscapes fire safe. It was written by Steven Fitzgerald and Amy Joe Waldo, and is available via e-mail. The guide includes an extensive species list to help homeowners plant landscapes that will resist fire. To receive a copy of this publication, please call the Urban and Community Forestry Program at 1-800-523-TREE or send a request to urban_forestry@wadnr.gov.

On the Horizon

September	October (Continued)
5-8 2001 National Urban Forest Conference, Washington, DC. Contact American Forests at (304) 345-7578.	13 Community Forestry Field Day, Yakima Area Arboretum. Call the TreeLink Hotline for details.
12 2001 Tree City USA Forum, Olympia. Call the TreeLink Hotline for details.	16 Trees, People, and the Law Regional Conference, Beaverton, Oregon. Call 1-800-523-TREE for information.
23-36 PNW-ISA Training Conference, Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia. Call (503) 874-8263 for details.	17 Grant Writing Workshop, Yakima. Call the TreeLink Hotline.
October	17 Hazard Tree Evaluation Workshop, Silverton, Oregon. Call PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.
3 WALP Trade Show and Field Day, Puyallup. Call 1-800-833-2186.	23 Grant Writing Workshop, Mount Vernon.
9 Grant Writing Workshop, Spokane. Call the TreeLink Hotline.	24 Grant Writing Workshop, Puyallup.
10 WCFC Meeting, Deer Park. Call 1-800-523-TREE for information.	
10 Hazard Tree Evaluation Workshop, Edmonds. Call PNW-ISA.	



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